

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Loren Duke Abdalla for his service during World War II.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Loren Duke Abdalla
2 for his service during World War II.

3 *Whereas, Loren Duke Abdalla was born on June 18, 1925,*
4 *the great-grandson of Chief Running Bull of the Yankton Sioux;*

5 *Whereas, Duke enlisted in the United States Marine Corps*
6 *in October of 1943 at the age of 18;*

7 *Whereas, Duke served with distinction in the First Marine*
8 *Division, 1st Regiment, 1st Battalion, A Company, 1st Platoon;*

9 *Whereas, On September 15, 1944, the 1st Regiment*
10 *invaded the island of Peleliu. By the sixth day of fighting,*
11 *only 6 marines from Duke's Company, and only 29 Marines*
12 *in the entire Regiment, were left standing. Duke himself*
13 *suffered a blow that left holes in both legs;*

14 *Whereas, Duke was awarded the Purple Heart for his*
15 *sacrifice and blood shed during the Battle of Peleliu;*



1 *Whereas, Duke was also awarded the Good Conduct*
2 *Medal for his exemplary behavior and faithful service to the*
3 *Marine Corps and our country;*

4 *Whereas, After the Battle of Peleiu, Duke was promoted*
5 *to Corporal and became squad leader for the 3rd Squad of the*
6 *1st Platoon, A Company;*

7 *Whereas, On April 1st, 1945, the First Marine Division*
8 *invaded Okinawa. In May, the 1st Platoon of A Company was*
9 *ordered to take control of a long ridge that had been*
10 *blocking their path to advance;*

11 *Whereas, Duke demonstrated true bravery during the*
12 *May attack in Okinawa by carrying a total of three of his*
13 *fellow wounded soldiers out of heavy fire and single-*
14 *handedly clearing two machine gun nests after realizing the*
15 *rest of his squad was either killed or badly wounded;*

16 *Whereas, Duke's courageous actions cleared the way for*
17 *the 1st and 2nd Squads to continue taking the ridge, and the*
18 *totality of their efforts allowed the rest of the First Marine*
19 *Division to advance;*

20 *Whereas, Following the Battle of Okinawa, Duke was*
21 *promoted to Sergeant and went on to successfully secure*
22 *Tientsin, China with the First Marine Division;*

23 *Whereas, Duke was honorably discharged from the*
24 *United States Marine Corps in February of 1947; and*

25 *Whereas, Loren Duke Abdalla acted courageously and*
26 *selflessly while serving this nation and valiantly defending*
27 *the freedoms we enjoy today: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate honors Loren Duke Abdalla
 4 for his service during World War II.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Loren Duke Abdalla.

